**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : In view of the answer to part (*a*), may I know from the member what he means by saying that the superior service has been provincialised ?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The staff is taken as a whole for the State, and not confined to any particular Office.

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : So, may I know whether there is any rule that the pay and scale of the Anchal Master in a particular office is dependent upon the grade of that office, *i. e.*, whether, in a first grade office, the Anchal Master can draw a particular scale of pay ?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No. I have already answered that.

*Statham Committee Report.*

8.* **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Statham Committee have submitted their report, and, if not, the cause of the delay ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

**MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether copies will be printed and the same placed on the table, at least during the Budget session.

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The printing of the Report might take a longer time, because it is a very lengthy one. The Report was sent to the Press only two days ago and, I am sure, the Press will take time to print it. The question whether it should be laid on the table will then be considered.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the Member when the report was submitted by Mr. Statham ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : 24th July 1933. Mr. Statham had made arrangements for having the Report typed and submitting it to Government by his Secretary.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the Member the cause of so much delay for sending it to Press ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It was only 10 days ago *viz.*, 24th July that the report was received by Government and that is not much delay.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*) : When was it due from Mr. Statham ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There was no fixed date for submitting the Report. It was expected that Mr. Statham would be able to send it up before he left. He had finished the report, but the whole thing had to be typed again and he had arranged with his Personal Assistant, the Secretary, to submit it to Government.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will a copy of the report, as soon as it is printed, be supplied to us?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already answered the question. The question whether the Report should be placed on the table of this House or not will be considered in due course after the Report is printed.

*Import of paddy into Travancore.*

9.* MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state what is the amount of paddy imported in Travancore per annum?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The approximate annual import of paddy into the State is 16,77,504 cwts.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is it not possible to reduce the importation of paddy in the State by promoting agriculture?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): If the output of paddy can be increased, it may be possible.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know, if there is any scheme for the promotion of agriculture in the State by which importation of paddy could be reduced?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): That does not arise as a supplementary question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is it possible for Government to give to the agriculturists tank-beds duly registered and thus find means for the promotion of agriculture.

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Have the Government any considered scheme for increasing the output of paddy in the State?

PRESIDENT: That too does not arise.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know from the member how much paddy is imported from British India and how much from outside?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Over 16 lakhs of cwts is imported into the State. That is all the information available with me.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know from the member whether the quantity imported is on the increase or on the decrease?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): It varies from time to time.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know in which direction the variation takes place?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The variation is not steady. In 1103 it was 14 lakhs, in 1104 19 lakhs, last year it was 12 lakhs. This is how variations happen.

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